



## Weekly Activity Report Region 9 Office of Regional Counsel

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Hot Topics/Heads Up Items (Prospective)

### Enforcement And Compliance Assurance Issues

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Non-Confidential

Regular Highlights:

### Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Issues

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### Management/Policy Issues

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### OGC Issues

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On February 26, 2014, EPA received a Petition for Rulemaking under the Administrative Procedures Act from the Center for Biological Diversity. Petitioners are seeking to have the agency 1) revise its ocean discharge criteria under section 403 of the CWA, 2) revise its effluent limitation guidelines for the Offshore Oil and Gas Extraction Category at 40 C.F.R. 435, and 3)

revoke or modify the Region 9 General Permit for Offshore Oil and Gas. On January 24, 2014, EPA Region 9 reissued the General Permit for Offshore Oil and Gas operations in federal waters off the coast of southern California. The Petition seeks to have the permit modified to prohibit the discharge of any well stimulation fluids, which would include all chemicals used in fracking.

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**Regional Counsel Travel: None to report**